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Granite City police say those dealing illegal drugs in the city will be caught. To back up their claim, they point to the most recent arrest and confiscation of cash and drugs.

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### Sports

The Granite City Sports Hall of Fame held its fifth annual banquet on Friday night at St. Gregory's Hall. Two teams and 13 individuals were inducted. More on the induction ceremonies will appear in Wednesday's Journal.

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Dan Brazee and Larry Curry won conference titles in their respective events Thursday as Granite City took fourth in the Southwestern Conference track meet in Collinsville. The Belleville East Class AA Sectional will be this Friday.

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### People

Richard James and Mary Bar-chessky were the winner's of the Press-Record/Journal's Mother's Day drawing. Each received a dinner for two at Ralph and Charlie's restaurant.

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### Hot tip

The Granite City Community Band will perform an outdoor concert on Wednesday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held at Wilson Park in Granite City near Delmar Avenue and 27th Street. Admission to the concert is free.

Director Terry Van will conduct a program that includes selections from Broadway musicals, marches and old-time rock 'n roll favorites. Members of the band include amateur and professional musicians from Granite City and surrounding communities.

For more information about the concert or the band call 797-1161.

### 25 years ago

Thursday, May 12, 1966

Paul Schuler, local druggist, was elected president of the park district board in a reorganization meeting at the park office last night.

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## City may pay to raze theater

### Action would pave way for bus depot

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The city's Downtown Committee will recommend that the city pay to demolish the Washington Theater building, paving the way for a new bus depot in the central business district.

The committee is expected to advise the council May 21 to accept a low bid of \$70,000 from Barjer Construction Co. of Granite City to raze the vacant structure and remove asbestos from the site. The question of who will pay for the demolition appears to have been the major obstacle in negotiations between the city and the Madison County Transit District to build a bus terminal at the downtown site.

But regardless of who moves to the location after demolition, elimination of the old building can only be good for the city, several officials said.

Chairman Jim Miller of the aldermanic Downtown Committee emphasized that the former theater is non-productive in its present condition and "is not generating any taxes to speak of for the city or anybody else."

He mentioned a recent suicide attempt from the roof of the building, and the current potential for vandalism or a fire at the site.

"We would like to get the job done as quickly as possible," Miller said.

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## 17-year-old gets 20 years

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — A 17-year-old Granite Cityan apologized for his crime just before receiving a 20-year prison sentence Thursday for first-degree murder.

"I'm sorry I caused pain or heartache to anyone," said Leon J. Hayes before Associate Judge J. Lawrence Keshner sentenced him in the stabbing death of Dwight D. "David" Sumner.

Keshner found Hayes guilty of first-degree murder April 3 following a week-long bench trial. Keshner said the testimony during the trial of Christopher Logan, 20, of Venice, "weighed heavily on this court's decision."

Logan traveled with Hayes to "the Caves," a popular teen hang-out near the Sam Vadalabene Bicycle Trail in Alton on Oct. 5, 1990. Logan fought with Sumner, 21, and Hayes testified that the stabbing occurred after he tried to break up the fight and Sumner began beating him.

But Logan's testimony during the trial created a different picture of the events. Logan testified that Hayes "flew by him" to get to Sumner before stabbing him.

Logan was sentenced to one year of probation this month for obstructing a peace officer. Logan was charged because he switched shirts with Hayes before the youths were stopped by police as

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ANGYNELLER GLASPER in her home with her Sunday school lessons.

(Staff photo by Pam Doepke-Hurd)

## Old-fashioned lady Church to honor 'mother of year'

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

VENICE — Angyneller Glasper says she's 84 years old, so it has to be true.

Still, it's hard to believe that this woman, so full of youthful energy, was born only a generation or so after the Civil War.

As a young woman, she came north from "Old Mississippi" and settled on Kerr Island, an area of Venice between Main Street and the Mississippi River.

Sixty-five years ago, she married Willie Glasper and they raised two children.

Angyneller Glasper joined the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church in 1936 and for the next 45 years she taught Sunday school there.

She taught the current pastor, the Rev. John Henry Williams, as well as all of the deacons, most of the choir members and almost every other adult in the New Salem church.

"I'm an old-fashioned lady," Angyneller Glasper said. "I believe in roots and the values my fore-parents taught. The most important thing in life is to study the word of God in the Bible and then live by it."

The New Salem Church will honor her as "mother of the year" in a special service at 5 p.m. Sunday. Williams said everyone is encouraged to attend and join the salute to "this great woman of God."

The secret to being a good mother, Angyneller Glasper said, "is to remember what our fore-parents taught and encourage our children to live better."

"The Bible teaches us that love is the main force in life. I can just speak for myself, but I believe it is possible to do good in life and still live by the rules."

Angyneller Glasper remains active in the church and rarely misses Sunday school, Bible study or church socials.

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## The Army still wants you

By Jim Haverstick  
Staff writer

COLLINSVILLE — The Persian Gulf War may be over, but the armed forces still want you.

To kick off armed forces weekend in Madison County, on Friday the U.S. Army held a grand opening and open house at the new Armed Forces Recruiting Station in Coligny Professional Plaza in Collinsville.

Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belle-ville, and Collinsville Mayor Fred Dalton were on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

U.S. Army St. Louis Recruiting Battalion Commander Lt. Col. John Halstead said the new recruiting center will house the

recruiting stations for all branches of the armed forces. Having all four branches of the service under one roof will make cooperative recruiting efforts easier.

Halstead said the war in the Persian Gulf provoked a patriotic sentiment.

"Recruiting was an interesting phenomenon during Operation Desert Storm," he said. "The volume of people during Desert Storm was really very good."

During the war, many older people who had served in the military previously were anxious to re-enlist, he said.

Following the military's success in the Persian Gulf, a different group of people were anxious

to sign up. This time it was recent high school and college graduates, those the military normally targets.

Halstead said local recruiters over-reached their recruiting goal by 130 percent for the number of potential recruits. In this area that is between 35 and 40 people.

The St. Louis recruiting battalion, which includes eastern Missouri and western Illinois, recruited 250 people last month.

"We have been recruiting the number of people that we need, so we have been able to raise our enlistment standards even higher than they already are," Halstead said.

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## Jury: Robber armed with car

EDWARDSVILLE — The armed robbery conviction of a Madison man may be a first in Illinois.

A jury on Wednesday found Darrell Rivers, 32, guilty of robbing a 34-year-old East St. Louis woman while armed with a car. The jury also found Rivers guilty of aggravated battery.

Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine credited Venice police officers with "making the case" against Rivers a Class X crime.

Haine was present at last week's Venice City Council meeting.

Testimony at the trial indicated Rivers offered the woman a ride home but pushed her out of his car in Venice and held onto her purse. She also held onto the strap of the purse, which became tangled around her arm.

The woman was dragged for a half-mile at speeds exceeding 50 mph, according to Madison County Assistant State's Attorney Craig Jensen. She was left behind when the purse strap broke. The purse contained food stamps and \$12.

Jensen said the woman was hospitalized 32 days. Although she will suffer no permanent physical impairment, she has "terrible" scars on her legs and buttocks, he said.

"I think it's clear that a car can be construed as a deadly weapon," Jensen said. "There may have been similar cases tried in Illinois, but, apparently, none have gone to the appellate courts, he said.

Appellate courts upheld a conviction in New York state where a car was alleged to have been used as a weapon in an armed robbery, he said.

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(Staff photo by Pam Doepke-Hurd)

CHECKING IT OUT: Three-year-old Nathan Wienhoff of Pontoon Beach gets a first-hand look at an AH-64 Apache helicopter while pilot gunner Robert Kelly watches. The Apache was on exhibit with other military equipment at the Charles Melvin Price Support Center Friday afternoon as part of Armed Forces Day.

# City's message to drug dealers: 'You'll be caught'

By Bob Slata  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The drug unit of the city police department has a message to send to dealers.

"If you sell dope in Granite City, eventually we are going to get to you," according to Capt. Dave Ruebhausen.

At the core of the drug unit are two undercover officers who were recruited from the patrol unit. Both officers have had narcotics investigation training.

The unit has been effective, said Police Chief Don Knight.

The guys are doing a good job. They're cracking a dent out there ... As far as I know, there is no other agency working (drugs) in Granite City," the chief added.

The drug team works exclusively on drug-related cases, Ruebhausen said. He said it would be impossible for uniformed officers to do the work the drug team has accomplished.

When it comes time to make a raid, the team receives assistance from other members of the patrol unit and the detectives, Ruebhausen said.

The team's most recent "drug bust" occurred Wednesday afternoon at a "crack house" in the 2900 block of West 20th Street.

One of the undercover officers noted it was the second search warrant served at the location in the past month.

Confiscated in the raid were paraphernalia used to process cocaine into crack and to smoke it, a .32-caliber Colt semi-automatic pistol, traces of cocaine, some small "rocks" and about \$1,800 cash, mostly in \$10 and \$20 bills.

"Less than a month after we busted them last time, they were back in business," one of the officers said.

Two suspects were found in the house. They were released pending charges expected to result from further investigation.

Another, larger bust occurred in the 1600 block of Olive Street on March 5.

Confiscated in that raid were a 1989 automobile, \$6,600 cash and a lock box, paraphernalia (including scales, hemostats, baggies and rolling papers), and approximately 15 pounds of marijuana, with a street value of about \$35,000, packaged in one-pound and quarter-pound bags.

Also confiscated was a beeper paging system, by which customers could call the dealer. The beeper continued to sound during the raid.

The downside to the program, Knight said, is that the recruit-

ment of the two officers for the drug unit has resulted in two less uniformed officers on the street.

No federal grant money has

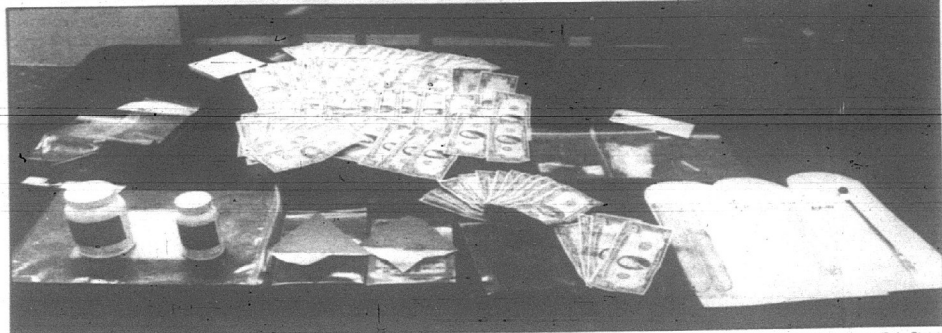
helped subsidize the program, and the city's current hiring freeze has the department short of manpower, Knight said.

"We are operating (the drug

team) on a month to month basis," he said. "I want to keep them out there as long as I can."

The city has been affiliated

with the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois (MEG-SWI) but currently is not active in the group due to budget limitations.



(Staff photo by Bob Slata)

**DRUG RAID:** Confiscated in a raid in the 2900 block of West 20th Street on Wednesday are items used to process cocaine into crack and to smoke it, a .32-caliber semi-auto-

matic pistol, traces of cocaine, some small cocaine "rocks" and about \$1,800 cash, mostly in \$10 and \$20 bills. Undercover police officers worked with detectives and patrol officers.

## Madison man, 34, pleads guilty to murder

EDWARDSVILLE — A 34-year-old Madison man pleaded guilty Tuesday to one count of second-degree murder in the 1990 stabbing death of a West Madison man.

In limited plea negotiations between defense attorney Brad Hunt and Assistant State's Attorney Sheila Drucker, Rodney Allen Jenkins pleaded guilty to the charge. One count of armed violence, a Class X felony, was

dismissed.

The negotiations were approved by Circuit Judge A.A. Mateosian, who will sentence Jenkins on June 14.

Jenkins was indicted Nov. 29 by a Madison County grand jury on both charges. On Aug. 10, Jenkins stabbed Billy Ray Edmonds, 28, near Edmonds' home in the 700 block of West Madison Street.

According to police reports,

Edmonds ran 650 feet from the scene of the stabbing in the 600 block of West Third Street in Madison to his residence.

Edmonds removed his shirt, turned on a garden hose and was attempting to cleanse the stab wound on his abdomen when he collapsed and died.

Witnesses told police they had seen Edmonds chase Jenkins from his residence several hours before the stabbing.

## Crossing laws to be emphasized Wednesday

GRANITE CITY — Law enforcement officers from the Granite City Police Department, Illinois State Police, Secretary of State Police, Madison County Sheriff's Department and nine railroad police agencies will be enforcing Illinois railroad grade crossing laws Wednesday, May 15, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Police Capt. George J. Muras-

ki Jr. of the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis said enforcement in the Granite City area will take place at the Niedringhaus Avenue and 20th, 22nd and 25th Street crossings, as well as at the Pontoon Road and Poag Road crossings.

The strict enforcement action is part of "Operation Lifesaver Nationwide Day," an active,

continuing public education program.

The program is designed to reduce the number of crashes, deaths and injuries at railroad/highway intersections.



**FIREFIGHTERS TACKLE** a smoky house fire in the 1700 block of Delmar Avenue.

## Fire at Delmar residence causes \$20,000 damage

An electrical fire caused about \$20,000 damage to a duplex in the 1700 block of Delmar Avenue just after 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Tenant Thelma Criss was the only one in the building when the neighbors noticed smoke coming from an upstairs attic.

"I was watching television and I heard a cracking noise. I've been having problems with mice, so I didn't think anything of it. The next thing I know someone was at the door telling me my house was on fire," Criss told a reporter as she stood on the curb outside the home, watching firefighters. She escaped unharmed.

Building manager John Tullock identified the owner of the structure as Rick Walden of Alton. Tullock said Criss lived in half of the duplex, while the other half was being renovated for occupancy. "We had just about finished remodeling it," he said.

Wayne Baxter of Illinois Power said power was already off on

the uninhabited half, indicating that any electrical fire probably started on the leased side. The fire appeared to be limited mainly to the attic, but there was smoke damage throughout the building.

Capt. Charles Bernaix strained his back while raising a ladder at the scene, a fire official said.

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## What's New Coming In Your Journal

### Mission to China

Jeff Mefford will be taking a trip to Hong Kong and mainland China this summer because, in his words, "I felt God calling me to Hong Kong." He plans to teach English and the Gospel on his mission in southeast Asia June 10 to Aug. 10. He will also be painting a seminary building and assisting workers at nursing homes and children's homes. Read all about his plans in Wednesday's



## Funds sought for model anti-drug program here

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The city and school district are expected to cooperate in applying for U.S. Department of Justice grants to be used to combat illegal drugs.

The grants, two of just six to be granted nationwide, would be used to set up a model drug program for the city, and to complement existing programs, according to Police Lt. Roy Koberna, who is also president of the school board. The program must be for education, enforcement and treatment programs relating to drug abuse.

Two grants, of \$90,000 and \$250,000, will be given in the eastern portion of the country, two similar grants in the West and two in the Midwest, Koberna said.

The money will be used to set up a model program for each region of the nation.

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The grants would be used to set up a model drug program for the city, and to complement existing programs.

—Lt. Roy Koberna

children through retirees, would participate in the program, Koberna said.

The grant criteria require the applying community to have a population smaller than 50,000 and be located adjoining a large city. Koberna said Granite City is an ideal location for the project.

Dr. Goni Michaeloff, grant writer for the school district, is preparing the application. She said the proposed program would be called Granite City Fight Against Drugs Month, or FAD.

According to Michaeloff, a festival would be held in the city in

April. It would include a parade and carnival with an anti-drug theme. Community groups and agencies would contribute floats and displays. FAD could apply for financial assistance through a board set up to allocate funds.

Koberna said funds also would be used to hire a project manager, researchers, consultants and a secretary.

After the first year, Michaeloff said FAD would be "self-sustaining." She said an attractive logo has been designed for the project, and community contributions would support the continuity of the program.

Michaeloff added that the program could be much larger in scope than the details she provided might indicate.

"I am still receiving information on the grant, and therefore all details are not yet worked out," she said.

Under the proposal, grant monies would be routed to the city comptroller's office, Koberna said.

The City Council authorized Michaeloff to apply for the grant in an action Tuesday night.

School board authorization also is required, and the subject is expected to come up at the next school board meeting May 14.



(Staff photo by Bob Slate)

**OATHS OFFICE:** City Clerk Bob Stevens, right, swears in newly elected city officials at the City Council's reorganization Tuesday night. Taking the oath, from left, are 8th Ward Alderman Walter Milton, 5th Ward Alderman Tom Candler, Street Superintendent Clayton "Jui" Harrison, 4th Ward Alderman Dan Partney, 7th Ward Alderman Sandra Crites, 3rd Ward Alderman Paul Fisk and 2nd Ward Alderman Jim Miller, as 2nd Ward Alderman Vili Kambarian, watches from his seat.

## Three Partneys' perjury trials will be separated

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — A St. Clair County judge, assigned to hear the perjury case against 4th Ward Alderman Dan Partney and his brothers, Dave and Doug Partney, has set an Aug. 18 court date for Dan Partney.

During a pre-trial hearing for the brothers Friday, defense attorney Al Lucco said he would file motions to have the three cases, one against each brother, separated.

The cases had been consolidated for a 1990 trial. Assistant State's Attorney Rich Rybak did not object to Lucco's proposal. St. Clair County Circuit Judge Robert LeChien, assigned to the case May 1 by the Illinois Supreme Court, gave both sides until June 15 to file any additional motions.

Lucco said he did not anticipate any such motions but did not want to say there would not be.

Both sides agreed to the August date, the latest offered,

to give themselves ample time to contact witnesses, many of whom are public officials, Lucco said.

Witnesses named included Madison County Clerk Evelyn Bowles and Granite City School/Township Attorney William Schooley.

All three Partneys were charged with perjury two weeks after the April 4, 1989, election in which they voted from Precinct 8 in Ward 4.

Dave and Don Partney were registered to vote from the family's business, Granite Sheet Metal, at 2500 Missouri Ave. Both were challenged at the polling place by former 4th Ward Alderman Sharon Perjak when they attempted to vote.

Following an investigation by the Madison County State's Attorney's Office, Dan Partney was charged with two counts of perjury for signing supporting statements for each of his brothers.

ers that the two resided at the family's business. His brothers were each charged with one count of perjury for signing sworn statements to that effect.

All three brothers were found guilty Jan. 24, 1990, following a trial held before Associate Judge Lola Maddox. Less than five months later, Maddox overturned the jury's guilty verdict and ruled that jurors may have been confused by technical flaws in the charges.

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**CONTEST WINNERS:** Richard James and Mary Barchesky were the winner's of the Press-Record/Journal's Mother's Day drawing. Each received a dinner for two at Ralph and Charlie's restaurant. James, pictured at left with the newspaper's advertising director, Leo Swift, registered to win at Jim's Cuts & Styles. Barchesky registered at Floral Originals. She is pictured with Ray Straede of the newspaper's advertising staff.

## Non-smokers' 'bill of rights' advances

Legislation strengthening the rights of non-smokers is headed to the Senate. The bill would add one paragraph to the Clean Indoor Air Act that took effect July 1. "The right to a clean and healthful environment and the health concerns of the non-smokers shall be given priority over the privilege of any person to smoke in a public place."

The House passed the bill to the Senate on a 107-to-2 vote May 3. Bud Kelly, lobbyist for Illinois tobacco distributors, said the bill could give non-smokers the right to demand that anyone lighting up, even in a designated smoking area in a public place, would have to snuff out the cigarette. The legislation is backed by several major health organiza-

tions that contend it should be made clear that non-smokers have a greater right to a healthful environment than smokers indulging their habit in public places. The current Clean Indoor Air Act declares most buildings accessible to the public are non-smoking areas except for designated smoking zones.

—From the Alton Telegraph

## Joint-use plan gets hearing

By Liz Quirin  
Staff writer

Proponents and opponents of a joint military and civilian airport at Scott Air Force Base heard their views at a public hearing at Belleville Area College Wednesday.

The hearing was scheduled as part of a public comment period so people could talk about the preliminary or Draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared for the Air Force by Argonne Laboratories.

"Calling it 'joint-use' is a misnomer," said one man at the hearing who declined to be named. "It's just the (control) tower, but that's about all, and it conjures up the idea of getting something for nothing," the man added.

Some who spoke favorably about the impact statement represented city and county governments hoping for economic expansion and progress for their areas.

Belleville Mayor Richard Brauer said joint-use would enhance the viability of Scott AFB and add needed air cargo space. Brauer was one of 31 people who filled out cards to speak about the impact statement's findings at the morning hearing. Twenty-nine people filled out cards to speak at the evening hearing, an Air Force spokesman said.

The Impact Statement studied

a number of factors including airplane noise levels, economic and agricultural impact, cost, and loss of wetlands.

Fairview Heights Mayor George Lanxon said local residents can find jobs, and the local economy will stay healthier.

"I feel it will have a ripple effect; it will help us, our neighbors and Southwestern Illinois."

Others at the meeting did not agree that joint-use would be a boon to the area.

"It's a double-edged sword," said Shiloh resident Scott Beveridge.

If the airport is successful, residents will have to pay for additional services, new roads and bigger schools, he said.

"If the airport isn't successful, we'll have higher taxes to pay for the debt," he added. Beveridge said the farther people lived from the airport's flight

pattern, the happier they seemed to be about the idea of joint-use.

Ted Farmer, a member of Belleville Area College's Board of Trustees and St. Clair County resident, voiced concern about paying for the civilian airport.

"St. Clair County residents are assuming a large tax liability (for the airport)," Farmer said. "To be fair to St. Clair County, we should write neighboring counties to share in the tax liabilities."

At the hearing, various Madison and Monroe County officials expressed the support for joint-use.

Harry Rebert, chairman of Monroe's board of commissioners said the loss of 3,500 acres of farmland is a small sacrifice to pay for expansion.

"If (joint-use) is absolutely imperative to Southern Illinois, it will accelerate expansion."

## Senior companions benefit from grant by foundation

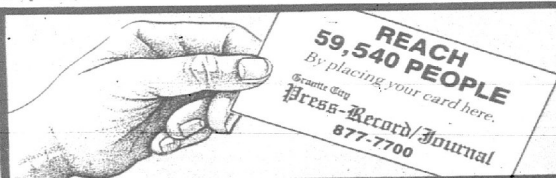
Senior companions from Belleville Area College's Programs and Services for Older Persons will continue to cover an increased service area, thanks to a grant from Square One Foundation of St. Louis.

The \$6,921 grant, awarded through the Belleville Area College Foundation, will be used for travel reimbursements for 62 companions serving 117 clients from April 1 through June 30.

the end of the college's fiscal year.

All budgeted travel funds were exhausted with three months remaining in the year, partly due to an increased amount of rural assignments and a greater number of companions driving to their assignments.

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## New Clark Bridge may open in '93

Construction bids for the final section of the new Clark Bridge at Alton are expected to be opened in December.

Everything is on schedule for the planned opening of the bridge to traffic in the fall of 1993, Illinois Department of Transportation District Engineer Dale Klohr said.

Klohr's office will be meeting this month with the firms that were awarded contracts May 2 for the main span and Missouri approach. Officials will discuss specific timetables.

More piers rising from the river will be seen over the next year, Klohr said.

Construction crews for the new contracts could start mobilizing in Alton "within a few weeks," IDOT spokesman John Burke said.

Klohr revealed that IDOT now plans a December bid opening on the Illinois approach for the bridge.

That contract is being advertised last because most of the segment is over land and will require less time to complete, Klohr said. The department's cost of about \$20.8 million for the Illinois approach and an overall project cost of \$125 million.

A joint venture of two St. Louis construction firms, McCarthy Brothers Construction Co. and PCL Civil Contractors Inc., was awarded a \$34.8 million contract to build the main span of the bridge.

The span will be built atop bridge piers and piers stems nearing completion by Midwest Foundation Corp. of Bartonville, under an \$11.4 million contract. Although the McCarthy/PCL bid was the lowest of three received March 28 for the main span, it was about \$1.4 million

higher than that submitted by the same firms in October. IDOT had rejected the October bids as too high.

"Sometimes you take a chance and that happens," Klohr said. IDOT decided to accept the bid this time because it did not appear advertising the project again would result in lower bids but might delay completion, he added.

The \$24 million contract to build the Missouri approach was awarded to a joint venture of two Kansas City, Mo., firms: Massman Construction Co. and Ben Hur Construction Co. The firms submitted the lowest of

four bids in March.

The only other contract directly related to the new bridge is one for lighting after the rest of the structure has been substantially completed.

IDOT also will be awarding a contract to demolish the existing bridge after the new one opens.

—Alton Telegraph



(Staff photo by Pam Doeppke-Murd)

**BARBARA MIHALICH**, chairwoman-elect of the Quad Cities Unit of the American Cancer Society, is "jailed" by Granite City police officers Jenna Roderick and Ed Robertson as part of the kickoff for the annual Jail and Bail fund-raiser, which will be held May 17 at the Crossroads Shopping Center.

## Cancer Society plans 'Jail and Bail'

Have you ever been arrested and hauled off to jail for something you didn't do? Well, it could happen to you Friday, May 17.

It could happen, that is, if you have a friend or relative who decides you are a candidate for the "Jail and Bail" fund-raiser being held for the Quad Cities Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Or it might be to your advantage to nominate one of your friends, co-workers, or family members for the "honor" of being arrested for the sake of

the cancer fund.

The event will be held 17 at the Crossroads Shopping Center from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For \$25 pledged to the Cancer Society, anyone can have his or her boss, spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend or anyone else "arrested" by calling 798-3005, the local unit of the ACS.

Charged with a bogus crime, those arrested must appear before a judge at a mock trial and then serve time in the shopping center jail while they raise the amount of their bail, set by the judge.

The fund raising is done by telephone calls to friends or relatives who are willing to pledge to the ACS for cancer research, cancer services and cancer education.

Or, one may be pre-arrested and obtain pledges in advance to turn in at the "jail" site on May 17.

For more information, 798-3005 can be called.

Transportation to and from the Jail and Bail site will be provided if needed.

## Stickers on sale in Venice

VENICE — All residents operating a car, truck or motorcycle are required to buy a city vehicle sticker before June 1. The cost of the Venice city decal is \$3 each prior to June 1, when the price goes up to \$5 for each vehicle or motorcycle.

The vehicle stickers are available at the office of City Comptroller Roseann Koelker in the City Hall from 8 a.m. until 4

p.m. Monday through Friday. License sticker sales have been slow so far, Koelker said. She reminded residents that police officers have been authorized to issue citations to drivers not displaying a city sticker on a vehicle after June 15.

A citation (ticket) automatically carries a \$52 fine plus the \$5 cost of a sticker.

## Dancers at SIUE

Works and Laura Glenn Dance, a seven-person contemporary dance ensemble, will be artists-in-residence May 20-23 at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. The company will conduct daily classes and a performance in SIUE's Metcalf Theater at 7:30 p.m. May 23.

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## Presentation set for Wednesday on hyperactive kids

Ketterle Center, the mental health service of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, is offering a presentation on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). The presentation will be held Wednesday, May 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the PASCAL Hall on the ground floor of the Medical Center.

Teresa White, PhD, director of Professional Services for the Ketterle Center, will discuss what ADHD is and how it can be treated. The program is designed to benefit parents, teachers and other concerned professionals.

Attentional/activity problems in children have been noted for

over 100 years and have been given many diagnoses, reflecting differing attempts to understand the disorder. Not all ADHD children look the same, making it difficult to properly diagnose them, authorities say.

Many youngsters with ADHD are identified between the ages of three and five, with the majority being identified by age six.

Symptoms include poor sustained attention; the child doesn't stay with things as long as other children do, switching from one activity to another.

Also noted are: Impulsiveness; the child cannot wait in line or wait for a turn and doesn't think

before acting.

Hyperactivity; this can include verbal and motor overactivity. Diminished rule-governed behavior; the rule or command does not influence the child's behavior and it appears as if he/she "just doesn't listen."

Increased variability of task performance; performance on school work varies greatly. The child may do fine one day but not the next.

"All children may show these behaviors at some time. There is a problem when the behavior is unusual for the child's developmental and mental age or if it persists," White said.

"One expert in this field has

commented that, in a sense, children with ADHD never get over the "terrible 2s and 3s." When we look at the child, we look for behavior that is out of order developmentally, chronic and pervasive. We look at how the child behaves in different places and situations involving home and school."

For those interested in learning more about ADHD but unable to attend the presentation, an organizational meeting for the ADHD Parents Support Group will be held Thursday, June 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the President's Room, inside Bonaventure's Cafeteria on the ground floor of the medical center. The group will be run by interested parents, with Dr. White serving as a consultant.

For more information, Ketterle Center can be called at 798-3604.

## Soldier celebrates 21st birthday in Saudi

Army Pfc. Sheri Lee Wilson celebrated her 21st birthday on April 11 while somewhere in Saudi Arabia. In a telephone call home, Sheri told her parent that she "had a good birthday, considering it was so far away from home."

She said also it was a 21st birthday "she will never forget."

The soldier is the daughter of Diana and Gary Wilson of Gran-

ite City.

Her parents had mailed her Garfield party favors, a cake and birthday banners. "Family members and friends also made a tape for her to play."

Sheri's unit also made her a cake to mark the occasion and gave her cards and presents.

It appears that Wilson's unit is scheduled to remain in Saudi Arabia until sometime in June.

Sheri will probably remain in

Dhahran until mid-September. She is a member of the 7/18th Aviation Regiment which was deployed from Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, last Dec. 31.

Friends wishing to write to Sheri may address mail to:

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## School menus

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Monday - Manager's choice.  
Tuesday - Pizza, french fries, buttered corn, chilled peaches.

Wednesday - Meat loaf, potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit cup.  
Thursday - Taco with cheese, lettuce and tomato, buttered vegetable, fruit cup.

Friday - Cod fish dinner, macaroni and cheese, buttered vegetable, fruit cup.

Madison Public Schools

Monday - Ravioli, corn, apple sauce.  
Tuesday - Burritos, mixed vegetables, pears.

Wednesday - Barbecued hamburgers, dill slices, baked beans, slaw, ice cream cups.

Thursday - Submarine sandwich, french fries, pineapples.

Friday - Nachos with ground turkey, carrot and celery sticks,

peaches.

Venice Public Schools  
Monday - Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, lima beans, jello.

Tuesday - Pizza burgers, macaroni salad, peaches.  
Wednesday - Fried chicken, rice with gravy, green beans, apple sauce.

Thursday - Beef ravioli, peas, pineapple chunks.  
Friday - Tuna salad, potato chips, fruit cocktail.

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Monday - Hamburger on bun, buttered noodles, green beans, pickles, cheese, salad, fruit.

Tuesday - Chili wurst on bun, french fries, baked beans, celery and carrot sticks, lemon pudding.

Wednesday - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, fruit jello.

Thursday - Hamburger gravy over rice or noodles, peas, apple sauce, blueberry cobbler.  
Friday - Toasted cheese sandwich, soup, pickles, potato chips, carrot sticks, pineapple chunks.

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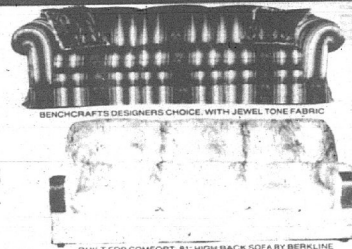
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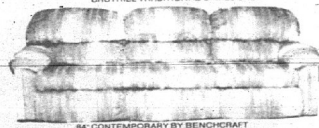
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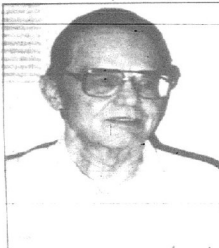
Robert Cromeans, 80, of Granite City, formerly of Sorento, died at 12:38 a.m. Saturday, April 27, 1991, at Deaconess Hospital, St. Louis. Born July 16, 1910, in Holland, Mo., Mr. Cromeans was a member and deacon of the Assembly of God Church in Sorento and taught Sunday school there for many years.

He served four terms as Shool Township supervisor.

Mr. Cromeans and his wife, the former Blanche Overstreet, were married in Edwardsville. She survives and resides in Granite City. Also surviving are a son, Charles Cromeans of Granite City; a daughter, Mrs. Gayle Flood of Granite City; two sisters, Wilma Duncan of Mena and Hazel Opel of Lakewood, Colo.; a brother, Odie Cromeans of Dix, and grandson and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alex and Grace Finney Cromeans. Funeral services were held April 29 at the Assembly of God Church in Sorento, with the Rev. Gary Thomas officiating. Burial was in Sunnyside Cemetery, Sorento.

The family requests memorials to the Assembly of God Church, Sorento, or to the donor's choice.



Dorothy Wheeler

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Dorothy E. (Langolf) Wheeler, 68, of Granite City died at 11 p.m. Thursday, May 9, 1991, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She had been ill for two years.

Born Dec. 10, 1922, in St. Louis to William and Esther Langolf, she was a clerk at the former Hub Drug Store in downtown Granite City before retiring in 1988 with 30 years of service.

She served in the Marine Corps during World War II, attaining the rank of corporal.

She was a member of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, the Marine Corps League, Devil Dogs and Retail Clerks Union.

She is survived by two sons, John of Granite City and Keith of House Springs, Mo.; a daughter, Karen Martin of Granite City; a number of brothers and sisters; and six grandchildren.

Visitation will be held today (Sunday) from 4 to 8 p.m. at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, with the Rev. Hugh Wallace officiating. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

• **Army** — (Continued from Page 1A)

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## Stieler

Charles W. Stieler, 78, of Edwardsville died at Anderson Hospital in Maryville at 4:14 p.m. Thursday, May 9, 1991.

Born to Rudolph and Margaret (Meidreich) Stieler in Evansville, Ind., Sept. 4, 1912, he married Rose Marie Hawks of Granite City on April 24, 1942, in Evansville.

He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Edwardsville and a World War II Army veteran. He had retired as a manager for K mart Corp. after 46 years of service.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include two sons, Thomas of Maryland and Charles of Virginia; a brother, Rudolph, and a sister, Ida Stieler, both of Evansville; and four grandchildren.

His parents, two brothers, Elmer and Fred Stieler, and one sister, Rose Stieler, preceded him in death.

Friends may visit from 4 to 8 p.m. today (Sunday) at Herr Funeral Home, 501 W. Main St., Collinsville, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Charles Dahly officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates near Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to St. Boniface Church or Alzheimer's Society.

• **Flagg** —

Jesse "Jo" Flagg, 87, of Brooklyn died at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Mr. Flagg was born in Clarksdale, Miss. He had been a resident of Brooklyn since 1923.

He was employed by Agrico Chemical Company in National City.

A member and deacon of Union Baptist Church in Brooklyn and the Elks Lodge, he served in the U.S. Army until 1942.

Survivors include two sisters, Anna Lane and Dorothy Harris, both of Clarksdale, and two brothers, Jack and O.E. Flagg.

Services were held Friday at the Union Baptist Church by the Rev. Eric Calhoun. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County, Nash Funeral Home, East St. Louis, was in charge of arrangements.

• **Hayes** — (Continued from Page 1A)

They left the stabbing scene.

Assistant State's Attorney Susan Jensen sought more than the minimum 20-year sentence. She said Hayes lived without any rules.

"He lived his life to the adage: 'Eat, drink and be merry,'" Jensen said. She said it was this attitude that resulted in "the senseless act" of Sumner's death.

Jensen quoted Hayes from his presentence investigation report in which he said he didn't intend to kill or hurt anyone and was sorry for what happened.

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By Jim Rygelski  
Staff writer

Making music requires more than just hitting the right notes, believes pianist Aaron Topfer.

"That's especially true, he said, for someone playing a technically-demanding piece such as the Liszt first piano concerto, which he'll do with the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra at Powell Hall on May 19.

Topfer, 18, a University City resident and high school senior, said misconceptions abound about Franz Liszt, his concerto and classical music in general.

"He was one of the greatest composers who ever lived," Topfer said of the 19th century Hungarian musician, who many have considered more a showman than a serious composer.

The Liszt first concerto, sandwiched on the program between Donald Erb's "Treasures of the Snow" and Camille Saint-Saens' third ("Organ") symphony, is "a great piece of music," Topfer said. In performing it, Topfer wants to make sure the listener doesn't get lost in the labyrinth of technical problems "the concerto makes for its performer."

Topfer has been playing the piano since he was 7, but he said unlike many who want to pursue a career in classical music, he learned by playing jazz as well as the classics. This has helped shape his approach to performing music of the European concert hall masters.

"At the very beginning I played by ear," he said. "What I learned from jazz was that all music should be in your ear, and your concentration should be on the music and not technical expression."

"Some people just play the notes," Topfer said. "In jazz, it's

impossible to do that."

He said many classical pieces are performed in a technically correct manner but lack the life their composers intended for them.

Topfer said the performer's approach to a work can do wonders, not just for an audience but also for veteran professional musicians. Two summers ago he played Liszt's "Hungarian" rhapsody at the Blue Lake Fine Arts Festival in Michigan and converted an important person — the orchestra's conductor, who didn't like the piece until he heard Topfer play it.

Topfer plans to enter Indiana University this fall and major in music. He plans to study there with Menahem Pressler after having taken lessons locally from Jane Allen and Seth Carlin.

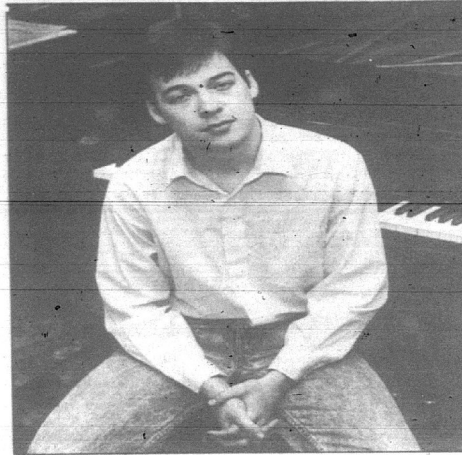
While hoping for a promising career as a soloist, Topfer said he realizes that the field he is entering is highly competitive. He is keeping in sight such options as eventually playing with small ensembles or as a keyboardist with an orchestra.

He is also keeping in mind that while he is musically mature for a teenager, he still has much to learn. "If I'm 18, I can only understand so much," he said, adding that he looks forward to understanding more.

Topfer works at his craft daily but doesn't look at the clock. "I don't count hours," he said.

He's also concerned with being as well-rounded a pianist as possible, something he said will happen through IU's liberal-arts curriculum. "It's good that they get you out to smell the flowers," he said.

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Aaron Topfer at his piano.

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Commodities will be distributed the same day by Venice Township at Engelbert Hall, 10th Street and Washington Avenue, Madison, also starting at 8 a.m. Commodities will be given that

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day at the Nameoki Township building, 4250 Illinois 162, beginning at 7:30 a.m. and at the Salvation Army, 3007 E. 23rd St., Granite City, beginning at 8 a.m.

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The parade will honor servicemen and women returning from Operation Desert Storm and will

focus on a national resurgence of patriotism. To sponsor a float or unit, groups may contact Al Barnes at 452-2684 or Mary Scarsdale at 451-9626 for an application. The deadline is May 15.

The next Flag Day Parade Committee meeting will be held at 7 p.m. May 23 at VFW Post 7451, located at 1414 Seventh St., Madison. Representatives of all organizations are asked to attend.

## City has four homeless dogs

GRANITE CITY — The Animal Control Department reports it had four animals at the city pound as of May 9. Persons wishing to reclaim or adopt one of the animals should call Animal Control at 452-6233.

The animals at the pound are: A medium black mixed lab male found May 6 in the 2700 block of East 24th St.

A medium brown and white basset male found May 6 at Granite City Steel.

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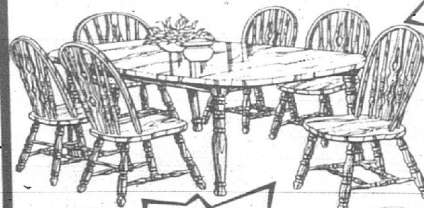
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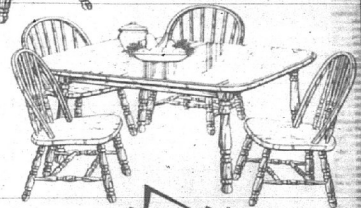


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## Team tryouts

Here is the tryout schedule for Southern Region teams that will compete in the eighth annual Prairie State Games finals, scheduled July 11-14 at the University of Illinois in Champaign.

**ARCHERY** (all divisions): Contact Jack or Diane Hoffarth, 538-5783. Tryout site: Town Hall Archery, Belleville, Date: Sunday, June 9, times TBA.

**ATHLETICS** (all divisions): Contact Jim West, 549-7468. Tryout site: Merand Stadium, SIU-Edwardsville. Date: Wednesday, June 12, registration at 1 p.m., competition at 3:30 p.m.

**BASKETBALL** (scholastic men): Contact Dennis Rueter, 231-6295. Tryout site: Rend Lake College, Ina. Dates: Sunday, June 9, and Sunday, June 16, 3-5 p.m.

**BASKETBALL** (open men): Contact Larry Graham, 656-2785. Tryout site: Rend Lake College, Ina. Dates: Sunday, June 9, and Sunday, June 16, 1-3 p.m.

**BASKETBALL** (scholastic women): Contact Ron Gregory, 997-6716. Tryout site: SIU-Edwardsville. Dates: Sunday, June 9, and Sunday, June 16, 3-5 p.m.

**BASKETBALL** (open women): Contact Wendy Hedberg, 656-5207. Tryout site: SIU-Edwardsville. Dates: Sunday, June 9 and 16, 1-3 p.m.

**BMX CYCLING** (exhibition sport): Contact Greg Smith, (217) 892-4215.

**BOWLING**: Contact Dan Richards, (217) 328-2895.

**DIVING**: Contact Karl Zuber, 344-7182.

**FENCING**: Contact Jeff Rice, (314) 234-6641. Tryout site: SIU-Edwardsville. Dates: Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19, 1 p.m.

**FIGURE SKATING** (exhibition sport): Contact Lou Sherman, (708) 583-8410.

**GYMNASTICS**: Contact Larry or Louise Moehn, 465-8992. Tryout site: Mid-State Gymnastics, Centuria. Date: Saturday and Sunday, June 8-9, times TBA.

**JUDO**: Contact Quinton Thompson, 476-1976. Tryout site: Belleville Judo Club. Date: Sunday, May 19, weigh-ins 11:30 a.m., trials 1 p.m.

**KARATE** (demonstration sport): Contact Doug Dennis, (217) 787-1473.

**SHOOTING**: Contact Harry Volberg, 537-4113.

**SOCCER** (open and scholastic men): Contact Gene Briggs, (876-4719). Tryout site: SIU-Edwardsville. Dates: Monday and Wednesday, June 3 and 5, 5-7 p.m.

**SOCCER** (open and scholastic women): Contact Gene Briggs, (876-4719). Tryout site: SIU-Edwardsville. Dates: Tuesday and Thursday, June 4 and 6, 5-7 p.m.

**SPEED SKATING** (demonstration sport): Contact John McGill, (217) 356-7263.

**SWIMMING** (all divisions): Contact Karl Zuber, (344-7182). Tryout site: SIU-Edwardsville. Date: Saturday, June 15, warm-ups at 8 a.m., competition at 9 a.m.

**10K RUN**: Contact Mike Lindemann, (217) 398-1750. Run: Leaves U of I Memorial Stadium at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 14.

**TENNIS** (all divisions): Contact Bob Keefe, (398-5136). Tryout site: Belleville West High School. Dates: Saturday and Sunday, June 8-9, 9 a.m.

**VOLLEYBALL** (open women): Contact Kathy Crotty Rogers, (397-9486). Tryout site: Belleville Area College. Date: Saturday, June 8, 11 a.m.

**VOLLEYBALL** (open men): Contact Brian Jamruk, (345-6413). Tryout site: Belleville Area College. Date: Saturday, June 8, 1 p.m.

**VOLLEYBALL** (scholastic men): Contact Marvin Hayden, (234-6192). Tryout site: Belleville Area College. Date: Saturday, June 15, 11 a.m.

**VOLLEYBALL** (scholastic women): Contact Fred Rakers, (228-7477). Tryout site: Belleville Area College. Date: Saturday, June 15, 1 p.m.

**WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL**: Call 1-800-THE-GAME for more information.

Wrestling tryouts have already been held. For more information call Southern Region director Bob Emig, (344-0984); East St. Louis coordinator Willis Jackson, (271-4108); Edwardsville/Alton coordinator Larry Bennett, (344-2609); Belleville/Collinsville coordinator Bob Keefe, (398-5136); or registrar Marsha Seim, (667-2827).

## Regional Sports Festivals

Here is the schedule for the Regional Sports Festivals, where teams and individuals of all ages compete locally for medals.

**BELEVILLE/COLLINSVILLE**: — Boys Basketball: Belleville Area College, June 7-8, 6:30 p.m. Contact Bill Schmidt, 277-4929. — Girls Basketball: Belleville Area College, June 24-25, 6:30 p.m. Contact Bob Keefe, 398-5136. — Cross Country: Laderman Park, Belleville, June 8, 9 a.m.

Contact Gary Weshinsky, 234-4943. — Soccer: Belleville Area College, June 27-28, 9:30 a.m. Contact Bill Houck, 234-9429. — Softball: Belleville Area College, June 22-23, 9 a.m. Contact Tom Nimms, 234-9061. — Tennis: Belleville East/West High School, July 27-28, 9:30 a.m. Contact Bob Keefe, 398-5136.

— Volleyball: Belleville Area College, June 17-20, 6:30 p.m. Contact Jane Sperry, 398-0325.

**EAST ST. LOUIS**: — Athletics: Site, date and time to be determined. Contact Willis Jackson, 274-6010. — Basketball: Site, date and time to be determined. Contact Willis Jackson, 274-6010. — Football: Punt Pass & Kick Contest. Site, date and time to be determined. Contact Willis Jackson, 274-6010. — Softball: Site, date and time to be determined. Contact Willis Jackson, 274-6010. — Swimming: Site, date and time to be determined. Contact Willis Jackson, 274-6010.

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**EDWARDSVILLE/ALTON**: — Basketball: SIU-Edwardsville, June 15-16, registration 9 a.m., games 9:30 a.m. Contact Larry Bennett, 692-3236. — Cross Country: SIU-Edwardsville, June 15, registration 8 a.m., run 9 a.m. Contact Larry Bennett, 692-3236.

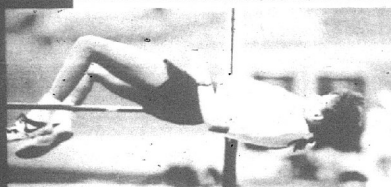
— Gymnastics: SIU-Edwardsville, June 22, 9 a.m. Contact Larry Moehn, 465-8992.

— Soccer: SIU-Edwardsville, June 29-30, times to be announced. Contact Larry Bennett, 692-3236.

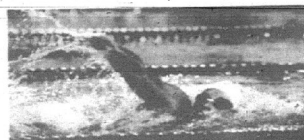
— Volleyball: SIU-Edwardsville, June 22-23, 9 a.m. Contact Larry Bennett, 692-3236. — Wrestling: SIU-Edwardsville, June 22-23, weigh-ins 8 a.m., wrestling 9 a.m. Contact Larry Bennett, 692-3236.

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## Main Course—FINALS COMPETITION

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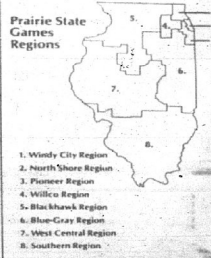
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Each sport except wrestling is divided into boys and girls groups. Each group is separated into two divisions, one for grades 7-8 (during the past school year) and one for grades 9-10.

Entry fee is \$5 per athlete. Each participant receives a Prairie State Games T-shirt and medals will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place finishers.

Contact the coordinators below for registration information.

—Basketball: SIU-Edwardsville, June 15-16, registration 9 a.m., games 9:30 a.m. Contact Larry Bennett, 692-3236.

—Cross Country: SIU-Edwardsville, June 15, registration 8 a.m., run 9 a.m. Contact Larry Bennett, 692-3236.

—Gymnastics: SIU-Edwardsville, June 22, 9 a.m. Contact Larry Moehn, 463-8992.

—Soccer: SIU-Edwardsville, June 29-30, times to be announced. Contact Larry Bennett, 692-3236.

—Volleyball: SIU-Edwardsville, June 22-23, 9 a.m. Contact Larry Bennett, 692-3236.

—Wrestling: SIU-Edwardsville, June 22-23, weigh-ins 8 a.m., wrestling 9 a.m. Contact Larry Bennett, 692-3236.



**COLLEGE BOUND:** Three more senior members of the 1990 Granite City High School state championship soccer team have signed on to play college soccer. Jim McKeahan (left) and Jeff Stephens will both play at Western Illinois University in Macomb. At right, Matt Loftus has signed with Culver-Stockton College, an NAIA school in Canton, Mo. Stephens had four goals and four assists last fall. Loftus had two goals and three assists. McKeahan had a goal and two assists. McKeahan and Stephens are the latest in a long line of Warriors to play at WIU for coach John MacKenzie. They will be teammates next year of seniors Herb Heaton and Kirk Mills, who played for the Warriors' 1987 state championship team.

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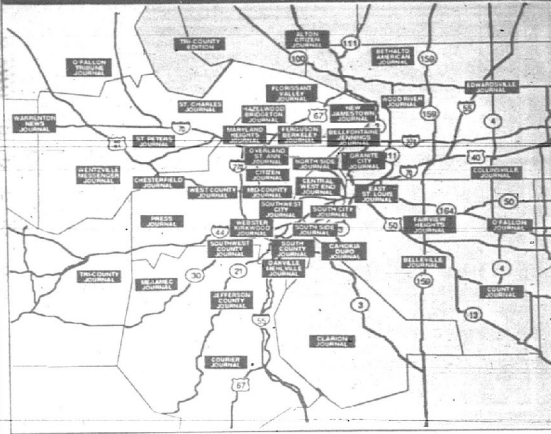
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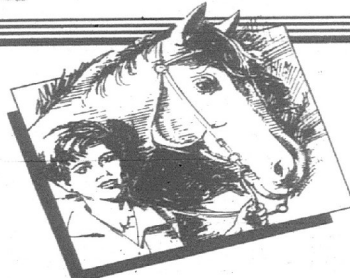
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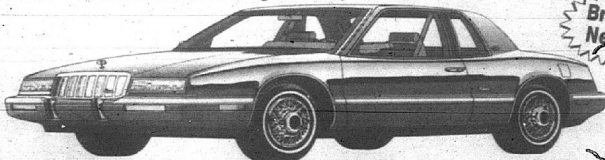
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# Home and garden

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## Landscape plants differ in needs for fertilizer

By Ray Rothenberger

Trees, turf, bulbs, shrubs and flowers each have specific fertilizer needs. Home gardeners who have many different types of plants in the landscape cannot fertilize each plant differently. If we know the general needs of each group, we can provide adequate fertility with minimum effort. The analysis, ratio on the bag of fertilizer is an adequate guide to proper selection.

When you move into a home and don't know the natural soil fertility, use a soil test to discover what is needed. University Extension centers in each county have testing information, can accept soil for testing and can provide recommendations to major nutrient needs and soil acidity or alkalinity. Local extension offices can be reached by calling St. Louis County at 889-2911, St. Charles County at 441-7620, Jefferson County at 1-789-2691.

After basic soil improvement, or when you know soil fertility is good, yearly maintenance may be adequate. Only when there is some change in growth rates or plant appearance, such as pale green color, should you consider a fertilizer application. Do not attribute all poor growth to fertility. Pests, diseases, herbicides or competition between plants may also lead to growth problems.

To understand the nutrients in purchased fertilizer, look at the three numbers displayed on the bag. These are the percentages of each of the three major nutrients contained in the package. Although fertilizer packages may contain other nutrients, these three ingredients are very important to good plant growth.

The first number of this set is the percentage of nitrogen contained. The second is phosphorous, and the third is potassium. The proportion of nitrogen to the other two nutrients can indicate the appropriate use of that fertilizer.

Fertilizers high in nitrogen, but with smaller amounts of the other two nutrients (such as 23-7-7), are useful for plants that are high nitrogen users. Lawn grasses are among such plants and this ratio is appropriate for lawn fertility maintenance.

Another group of fertilizers is lower in nitrogen, but higher in

phosphorous and potassium (such as 5-10-10). These fertilizers are often best for flowering plants such as annuals, perennials and bulbs. Too much nitrogen applied to these plants, especially before flowering begins, tends to promote leafy growth and may delay or suppress flowering. In some cases, too much nitrogen may make tissue-making bulbs or crowns of perennial flowers more easily invaded by disease.

In the vegetable garden, fertilizers low in nitrogen are appropriate for early fertilization. Too much nitrogen can delay flowering and fruiting of plants such as tomato and pepper. Leafy vegetables, such as lettuce and cabbage, should be fertilized with a ratio higher in nitrogen.

A very common all-purpose fertilizer for the landscape is one with relatively equal amounts of all three elements (such as 10-10-10, 12-12-12). This ratio provides a good fertilizer for general maintenance during garden or flower bed preparation early in the season, particularly when a soil test has not been done. These fertilizers are also suitable for average trees and shrubs. For example, plants, such as holly and rhododendron, need specific fertilizer analyses with an acid reaction. These fertilizers are available from nurseries and garden centers.

Other fertilizers are available that contain only one of the three nutrients. Ammonium nitrate (33-0-0) is often used as a side dressing in midseason. When additional nitrogen is needed in the vegetable or flower garden, superphosphate (0-20-0) is commonly added during soil preparation in soils naturally low in phosphorous when planting bulbs, trees or shrubs. Potassium sulfate (0-0-60) is for special areas where only potassium may be needed.

Organic fertilizers are also available to provide these same nutrients and the basic ratios are indicated on the bag or label. Most organic materials take a long time for the nutrients to break down and become available to the plant.

Ray Rothenberger is state horticulture specialist, University of Missouri Extension, Columbia office.

## Environmentally aware gardener's guide to controlling insects safely

For Sale: one garden complete with elegant evergreens, fruit trees, flowering shrubs, breathing blossoms, nutritious vegetables, and at no added cost, caterpillars, slugs, aphids, grubs and a variety of other hardy pests.

Garden pests are a fact of life, but before you put the garden on for sale, take a quick course in pest control. The key word is "control." You will never be able to completely eliminate all pests from a thriving garden, but there are many methods for keeping them under control. Today's environmentally-aware gardener is becoming more knowledgeable about the options.

There will be times when the most effective solution for saving a favorite plant is a chemical pesticide, and other times when other alternatives are preferred. The Garden Council cautions that any pesticide, organic or inorganic, is designed to kill. Its misuse can be dangerous to "good" bugs, birds, pets, children and adults.

Precautions should always be taken when using a pesticide. Read the label carefully and follow directions exactly. Don't

overuse or underuse. Don't neglect follow-up treatment. Consider mild spray materials, such as insecticidal or fungicidal soaps and light garden oils.

Many successful gardeners begin their pest control program without pesticides using some simple tried and true defense techniques such as:

•Timing. Know which pests threaten your plant and time your planting season so that the plants get a good start before or after the bugs come into season.

•Selection. Try to select varieties that have been bred to resist common pests.

•Early prevention. Eliminate pests as you see them forming. Control the earliest arrivals while they are few in number.

•Traps. There are hundreds of types of traps for many pests ranging from crumpled paper or upside-down empty flower pots, to trap earwigs, to elaborately constructed traps, both home-made and commercially available at the local garden center.

Pheromone traps help prevent insects from breeding.

•Nature. Encourage the "good bugs" to move onto the neighborhood. Lady bugs, praying man-

tises, dragonflies and wasps can be your allies along with the birds and frogs. They will thrive if you don't kill them off with unnecessary area-wide sprays.

•Companion gardening. Many people believe that plants such as onions and garlic discourage aphids. Planting radishes around squash and cucumbers may chase off the cucumber beetle, and marigolds can reduce nematodes in vegetable gardens.

•Sanitation. Discourage gray mold and other fungus diseases by giving plants good light and air movement. Avoid overcrowding or planting in dank, dark corners. Remove dead or diseased plants or foliage and other garden trash.

One of the most common garden pests is the aphid. A large family of lady bugs in the area will usually take control of this pest. If not, a strong jet of water from the hose will help knock them off the plants (be careful not to harm delicate plants in the process). On low-growing plants, try placing clean aluminum foil—shiny side up—on the ground around the plant. The sun's reflection confuses the aphid and usually sends him

packing.

Recommended pesticides will vary in different climates and from state to state. One of the safest pesticides is *Bacillus thuringiensis*, a good biological control for the organic gardener. Marketed under a variety of trade names, B.T. (as it is commonly known) kills only caterpillars with alkaline stomachs, such as canker worms and tomato worms. While it won't affect aphids, it also won't harm lady bugs, birds, dogs or people. Insecticidal soaps and light horticultural oils are safe and effective if used according to instructions.

When faced with an irritating pest onslaught, the Garden Council recommends contacting the local extension service. In St. Louis, call the St. Louis County Extension Office at 889-2911. They will be able to advise as to the best solutions for specific pests, plants, climates and growing conditions.

There's always more than one way to get rid of garden pests, but if everything fails, the final solution is to find a different type of plant, one the pests don't like.

## Pruning plants helps them develop

By Robert J. Dingwall  
Correspondent

Pruning is basically making a plant grow the way you want it to. Too few home gardeners prune properly, or are afraid to prune at all.

Pruning is done to control the size and shape of the plant. It is done to improve aeration by the removal of wood from within the plant. It improves the quality of fruiting by the removal of excess fruit so what is left will develop better. The removal of excess buds leaving only the top bud will result in only two or three flowers, carnations and chrysanthemums.

The removal of dead wood or diseased wood and foliage results in healthier plants and aids in preventing the spread of disease. Many flowering perennials will bloom over a longer period if old flowers are pruned before seed can form.

A weak rose bush can be strengthened by the careful removal of weak stems leaving only the stronger ones. A plant pruned to only two or three strong stems that are cut back to 6 to 10 inches above the ground and followed by a good feeding program will reward the gardener. The plant will develop into a sturdy bush with healthy flowering.

If a plant is overly weak in the early spring, it is wiser to remove it and replace with a new sturdy plant.

Spring flowering trees and shrubs are best pruned immediately after flowering. This allows the plant to develop new growth and does not interfere with the flower bud initiation that occurs in midwinter. For the following spring, delaying pruning into midsummer or fall reduces the flowering considerably, the following year.

Pruning in early spring before flowering should be avoided. It removes too much of the flowering wood.

## Botanical Garden plans anniversary Purple Martin event

The Purple Martin Evening at the Missouri Botanical Garden, one of St. Louis' great summer traditions is back and celebrating its 10th anniversary. To be held at 8:30 p.m. Friday, a free, fun-filled evening is planned to welcome the Purple Martins to their home at the Garden.

For the tenth year in a row, W. Ashley Gray III will provide an entertaining lecture and film on Purple Martins in the Shoenberg Auditorium. Immediately following the lecture and film, Gray will lead the audience on a delightful stroll to the Purple Martin houses near the Center for Home Gardening.

Visitors will be invited to enjoy a special 10th anniversary cake. There will be a cash bar and a drawing for a Purple Martin house. No reservations are required, but seating will be limited. The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. For more information on this event, call 577-5500.

Evergreens of all types need some pruning. Some need more than others. The time to prune most evergreens is late May or early June when growth is hardening off. Pines will benefit from having the candles cut back half to two-thirds.

The following season this will result in the candles producing new side shoots that aid in the plants becoming fuller as they develop.

Formal hedges may be pruned as needed and may need to be pruned several times during the growing season to keep them neat. It is wise to prune the top narrower than the base so plants get the full benefit of light and can develop foliage near the ground. Often plants are pruned the opposite way resulting in the loss of lower foliage.

Flowering shrubs will benefit

by the removal of some of the older stocks back to the ground level. This helps the plant develop new shoots at ground level. The tops, if pruned at different levels, will leave a natural appearance rather than a sheared appearance.

A feeding with tree and shrub fertilizer following pruning will stimulate the plant to develop new growth. Keep them well watered during July and August

when plants are initiating buds for next spring's flowering.

If you have problems with your garden or household plants? If so, direct your questions to: The Garden Spot, St. Louis News Service, 1215 Fern Ridge Parkway, Suite 100, St. Louis, Mo. 63141.

## Repairing concrete cracks doesn't take a lot of skill

By Al Schneider  
Central Hardware's Mr. Tinker

The only ice we're seeing these days is located in tall, cool glasses of sun tea. However, way back in January, St. Louis was deluged with winter's worst: ice, and more ice.

You may not want to recall January, but every time you look at your walkways or patio, the spidery strands of cracking cement may just jog your memory.

If you're ready to get down and dirty, those cracks can be patched and repaired without a lot of skill. Before beginning any masonry repair, always wear safety glasses and heavy gloves before chipping away concrete.

For shallow cracks and holes, begin by breaking away any crumbling edges and loose debris. If the crack is a structural problem, in the walkway or your foundation, correct the problem before repairing the crack, otherwise you may damage more than repair.

The sides of the crack must be as vertical as possible before repairing. Chip away unwanted material until you get the shape of hole you need to fill. The idea is to create a V-shape that is wide and deep enough so the crack won't have to feather out the

new cement to a thin edge. Thin cement breaks.

Once formed, clean the surface with water and then sweep away standing water with a broom. The area should be damp, but not soggy. I suggest using re-mixed cement for small jobs. It is slightly more expensive, but easier to use.

Fill the crack with the mixture and use a straight-edged board to level it. Let the cement set for at least 20 minutes and finish the surface with a trowel to match the surrounding area.

There are also special bonding materials to help the patch remain in place. If you are filling a small, shallow hole, I suggest using a cold chisel to roughen the edges. This will give the patching material a better gripping area.

Surround the repaired walkway with flags and ropes to keep traffic away from the area for at least 48 hours or longer. Once the patch has set, your walkway or patio should be ready for use...at least until next winter hits.

If you have questions about patching with cement or any other home improvement project, call Mr. Tinker at Central Hardware's Mr. Tinker Hotline, 946-3000. I'd be happy to help.

## Wood fixtures need protection

For several years, industry experts have been talking about a possible shortage of building lumber. While it's not likely that wood will become as precious as diamonds, pearls or gold, there is evidence that lumber supplies are no longer a "sure thing."

That's important news for most homeowners, since wood is as popular as ever in the American home. In fact, the demand for lumber-purchase is higher now than it was in the early 1980s. Many houses are larger, and wood amenities, like decks, are on many people's "must have" list.

Left unprotected, water causes swelling and warping of the wood. Sun and wind dry and fade wood, causing cracking, splitting and graying. Wood is even subject to biological dam-

age like mold, mildew, algae and rot. The damage caused can easily run into thousands of dollars.

Fortunately, the homeowner's defense is simple. The use of a wood protector, like Thompson's, can save a lot in costly repairs.

So to help preserve natural resources—and your own financial resources—it makes sense to practice preventive maintenance now. Thompson's sponsors a toll free hotline. The number is 1-800-677-6237; the hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST Saturday and Sunday. Or you can request a free copy of Thompson's Deck Digest or Thompson's Waterproofer Almanac by writing P.O. Box 667, Olive Branch, Miss. 38654.

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